

43124 to 43187—Continued.

43174. "Willie Sharp."

"A beautiful medium-sized dessert apple; skin yellow, nearly transparent in ripening, flesh crisp, of vinous flavor." (*P. L. C. Shepherd & Son's catalogue.*)

43175 to 43181.⁷ PRUNUS SALICINA Lindl. Amygdalaceæ.

Japanese plum.

43175. "*Akarana*. A chance seedling which resembles *Botan*. Tree a vigorous grower and heavy cropper; fruit of magnificent color and firm flesh. A good succession to *Wright's Early*."

43176. "*Alpha*. Of large size and distinct flavor, very firm, ripe with *Akarana*, and a reliable cropper."

43177. "*Export*. A new hybrid, a cross between *Wright's Late* and *Early Golden*; fruit medium to large and very firm; exceedingly sweet. This, like the preceding one, also lacks the foxy taste. This should prove to be one of the most valuable blood plums in existence, owing to being a wonderful keeper; fruit has been kept for six weeks after picking, and on the tree it has been kept for three months. Season, middle of January to April."

43178. "*Sharp's Early*. Raised by Mr. John Sharp, Cambridge. Supposed to be a seedling from *Botan*; fruit heart shaped, medium size, purple in color when thoroughly ripe; tree a great cropper. In season about the 15th of December."

43179. "*Wright's Early* on peach."

"A seedling from *Burbank*, raised by myself; the earliest and most profitable of all plums. The fruit is identical with the well-known *Burbank*, the only difference being its season of ripening and the habit of growth, being more erect, which is a great point in its favor."

43180. "*Wright's Early* on plum." See description under previous number (S. P. I. No. 43179).

43181. "*Wright's Purple*."

43182. PRUNUS SALICINA × (?).

Hybrid plum.

"*Best's Hybrid*.⁷ A splendid all-purpose plum, i. e., dessert and culinary. This is a cross between *Cherry* plum and *Ogon*; fruit large, yellow, shaped like *Cherry* plum; tree enormous cropper; the absence of the foxy taste peculiar to Japanese plums is a great point in its favor, and it will become a great favorite."

43183 to 43186.⁷ PYRUS COMMUNIS L. Malaceæ.

Pear.

43183. "*Belmont*. A New South Wales seedling, raised from the well-known *Bon Chrétien*, ripening about the 10th of April; shape roundish, tapering slightly to the stalk; skin golden; flavor identical with *Bon Chrétien*; an early and heavy cropper, coming into bearing the second year; first-class dessert."

43184. "*Packham's Late*. Another of Mr. Packham's seedlings, which promises to outrival his *Triumph* [S. P. I. No. 43185]; fruit fairly large and heavy cropper. From what I have seen of the *Triumph* I am more than satisfied, as it is unquestionably the finest of its season."

⁷ See footnote, p. 9.